Joint U.S.-British military monitoring force for Kashmir

241. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI :

SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considerifng a proposal for a joint U.S. British military monitoring force for Kashmir;

(b) if so, the agencies behind it ;

(c) whether the proposed 500 strong verification force would suffice the 740 Km. Line of Control; and

(d) if not, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

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242. SHRI S.K. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED :

SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the root cause of terrorism world-wide is the U.S. foreign policy that encouraged terrorism through "war and genocide" it had waged in different parts of the world; and

(b) if so, the rationale behind India seeking in U.S. help since the U.S. has always titled towards Pakistan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) Government unequivocally condemns and opposes all acts, methods, and practices of terrorism as criminal and unjustifiable, wherever and by whoever committed, and whatever be the reason invokd to justify terrorism.